

In the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method for repeat transmission of messages in a centrally controlled communication network including a plurality of terminals and a central station messages assigned sequence numbers are broadcast or multicast a single message from the central station for reception by ~~is transmitted to all terminals of~~ a participating group ~~(broadcast, multi-cast)~~. As soon as a terminal detects loss of a transmitted message or an error in the transmitted message, it transmits a repeat request for repeat transmission of that message, which includes the sequence number of the lost or erroneous message, over another communication link, especially a point-to-point communication link. The central station repeats the message transmission of the lost or erroneous message but only until a predetermined maximum number of repetitions occurs ~~has occurred~~ within a predetermined time interval or until a positive acknowledgement of receipt of the previously lost or erroneous message is received.